



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, June 23, 2016  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairperson, Deanne Gonzales  
Vice Chairperson, Bruce Hilton  
Pandora-Nash Karner

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Kenny Dahlen  
Connie O'Henley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nick Franco, Cynthia Boe, Michele Venturini and Kate Van Dyke

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. This is the time that is reserved for the flag salute.

**Chairperson Gonzales** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

2. This is the time set for public comment on items that do not appear on the agenda.

**Mr. Pete Jenny** spoke on behalf of The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Jenny gave an update on the status of the Octagon Barn Center project. He noted that construction of smaller outbuildings will be starting shortly and they are hoping the area will be available to the public by next year. He attributed the success of the project to the valuable working relationship between The Land Conservancy and the County Parks Department.

Mr. Jenny also asked to come back and speak to the Commission sometime in late summer or early fall of this year to give a more in-depth update on the status of the Octagon Barn Center.

**Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked if they could take a tour of the area sometime in the late fall and Mr. Jenny said they would be happy to show them around.

**Commissioner Nash-Karner** also asked Mr. Jenny if he had any news on what impact the closing of Diablo Canyon would have on the Wild Cherry Canyon project. Mr. Jenny stated that he did not know.

**Commissioner Hilton** asked Mr. Jenny if there was a grading project in jeopardy of losing its grant money. He replied yes, stating they have an environmental enhancement grant that is tied to the Los Osos Valley Overpass project and they are on a deadline to complete it. If everything goes as planned, they should have it completed by this winter.

**Commissioners' Adjustments to Agenda**

3. This is the time set for any proposed adjustments to today's agenda.

There are no adjustments to today's agenda.

**Commissioners' Comments and Outreach**

4. This is the time set for Commissioner remarks on their outreach efforts since the previous meeting.

**Commissioner Hilton** and his son went to Rancho Alegre with the Boy Scouts to do a service project.

**Commissioner Nash-Karner** thanked Parks staff for helping get approval of a small grant to install two permanent benches in Baywood Park. She also noted that she had been in contact with a Los Osos resident who was concerned about the disrepair of the tennis courts. She thanked Nick for his help addressing this concern.

**Commissioner Gonzales** noted that she was pleased that the dog park in Paso Robles was being redone and thanked Nick for his help with the pocket park in Cayucos.

**Approve Draft Minutes From Previous Meeting**

5. This is the time set for consideration and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes.

Due to a lack of quorum, approval of the April 28, 2016, minutes have been deferred until the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**Trails Advisory Committee Report**

6. This is the time set for a report on the latest Trails Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

**Golf Advisory Committee Report**

7. This is the time set for a report on the latest Golf Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

**Staff Reports**

8. Parks & Golf Fees FY 2017-18

**Ms. Cynthia Boe, Administrative Services Manager**, gave an update of the Parks and Golf fees for FY 2017-18. Ms. Boe noted that Parks will not have any fee changes. However, some fee changes are expected in the near future. Golf will have forty nine increased fees and six fee deletions. Commissioners and staff discussed the changes.

Since all of the Commissioners were not present, they decided to bring this item back for a vote at the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the FY 2017-18 proposed fees to be effective beginning January 1, 2017

9. FY 2016-17 Budget for Parks & Golf

**Ms. Cynthia Boe, Administrative Services Manager**, reviewed the FY 2016-17 Budget for both Parks and Golf. Ms. Boe noted that Parks revenue was up, while Golf revenue was down. She explained that Golf had a loss due to the debt service, and Parks received approval from the Board of Supervisors to supplement this debt service. Commissioners asked if the loss/debt service was due to Dairy Creek Golf Course and were told yes. Ms. Boe explained that without the debt service, Dairy Creek would probably break even. She also noted that the debt service would not end until October 2027.

**Mr. Nick Franco, Director**, gave an update of the status of Dairy Creek Golf Course. He stated that staff went before the Board of Supervisors with options of what could be done with Dairy Creek. However, none of the options were favorable. Mr. Franco explained that the Board was not willing to invest in additional water for the golf course. Therefore, staff is tasked with figuring out a short term solution as well as a long term one. Staff will then go back to the Board to present the options and ask for direction and approval.

It is recommended that the Commission review and comment on the proposed budgets. Commissioners may provide advice to staff and information to County Supervisors and the public as appropriate.

**10. 3Q FY 2015-16 Financial Report**

**Ms. Cynthia Boe, Administrative Services Manager**, reviewed the third quarter financial reports for FY 2015-2016 for both Parks and Golf.

Recommend that your Commission review and file as part of the meeting minutes.  
The third quarter results for Parks and Golf are attached.

**Director Report**

**11.** This is the time set for the Director report.

**Mr. Nick Franco, Director**, spoke on the following:

The Parks Department will be relocating to 1144 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, on July 11, 2016.

The ADA Transition Plan for the County of San Luis Obispo is starting and includes an entire section for Parks. The Plan is an update to the existing Plan.

Parks has a Supervising Ranger vacancy because Don Melin has been promoted to Parks Maintenance Superintendent. The vacancy is in the Salinas District and recruitment has started for the position.

The Assistant Director position was approved from a financial standpoint, but could not be approved as a position because the classification did not exist at the time. The position has since been created and staff will return to the Board in July for approval. Once approved, a promotional recruitment will be done.

The Nipomo gazebo is complete and beautiful. The grand opening is Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Litigation for the Nipomo Park Master Plan has been finalized and the ruling was in our favor. The project can move forward once finances become available.

Staff is meeting next week with Cal Poly to start a needs assessment.

Shandon tennis courts and basketball court have been completed and are heavily used.

Santa Margarita Lake boat-in camps are now complete. There is no water to get to them at this time, but they will be available once the lake level rises.

San Miguel Park is progressing. The first step will be L Street, which is scheduled for the fall/winter, followed by park development. The project should be completed by next summer.

**Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked Mr. Franco about the status of the waterline at the Morro Bay Golf Course. He stated the project was still in the environmental process.

**Commissioner Nash-Karner** also asked Mr. Franco how the closure of Diablo Canyon will impact Parks. He noted that it is too early to predict the future of the property or how it will impact Parks. He also stated the County has been financially preparing for the closure.

**Approve letters of donation**

**12.** This is the time set for the Chairperson to acknowledge and accept any Letters of Donation received.

There were no donations to report.

**Adjournment**

**13.** Adjourn Meeting

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.